## UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS HOUSTON DIVISION

IN RE:	§	
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PILLAR OF GLORY CHRISTIAN	§	<b>CASE NO. 10-37746</b>
TABERNACLE	§	(Chapter 11)
Debtor	§	

# MOTION OF FOUNDATION CAPITAL RESOURCES, INC. FOR RELIEF FROM THE STAY

THIS IS A MOTION FOR RELIEF FROM THE AUTOMATIC STAY. IF IT IS GRANTED, THE MOVANT MAY ACT OUTSIDE OF THE BANKRUPTCY PROCESS. IF YOU DO NOT WANT THE STAY LIFTED, IMMEDIATELY CONTACT THE MOVING PARTY TO SETTLE. IF YOU CANNOT SETTLE, YOU MUST FILE A RESPONSE AND SEND A COPY TO THE MOVING PARTY AT LEAST 7 DAYS BEFORE THE HEARING. IF YOU CANNOT SETTLE, YOU MUST ATTEND THE HEARING. EVIDENCE MAY BE OFFERED AT THE HEARING AND THE COURT MAY RULE.

REPRESENTED PARTIES SHOULD ACT THROUGH THEIR ATTORNEY.

THERE WILL BE A HEARING ON THIS MATTER ON JANUARY 12, 2011, AT 9:00 A.M., C.S.T., IN COURTROOM 403, 4<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR, 515 RUSK, HOUSTON, TEXAS 77002.

#### TO THE HONORABLE BANKRUPTCY COURT JUDGE:

**COMES NOW, Foundation Capital Resources, Inc.**, Movant herein, and files this Motion for Relief from the Stay, against the Debtor, **Pillar of Glory Christian Tabernacle,** and would respectfully show unto the Court as follows:

#### Jurisdiction

1. This Court has jurisdiction to hear this cause pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1334 and to grant the relief requested herein pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §362.

#### **Background**

- 2. On September 6, 2010, Debtor filed a Petition for Relief under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code, thereby initiating the captioned bankruptcy case.
- 3. Movant is a secured creditor of the Debtor in the amount of \$1,073,273.92 (the "Indebtedness") as of the date of the Debtor's filing as reflected in the Movant's proof of claim on file in this case, (principal \$922,791.85, interest to September 6, 2010, \$124,445.51, late charges \$23,906.00, prepetition attorneys fees and foreclosure expenses \$2,130.56) by virtue of a loan Movant made to the Debtor evidenced by a Promissory Note dated January 25, 2006, in the original principal amount of \$950,000.00 (the "Note"). In addition, interest, costs, and attorney's fees continue to accrue.
- 4. To secure the Indebtedness under the Note, the Debtor executed a Deed of Trust dated January 25, 2006, which was recorded in the official public records of Harris County, Texas under Harris County Clerk's file number Z052908 (the "Deed of Trust") in which the Debtor granted the Movant a lien on the following real property and improvements (the "Collateral"):

Lots 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297 and 298, of Parkwood Estates, Section One (1), a subdivision in Harris County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 26, Pages 11, 12 and 13 of the Map Records of Harris County, Texas

- 5. Pursuant to Bankruptcy Local Rule 4001(a)(6), copies of the following documents evidencing the debt, lien perfection and payment history are attached:
  - a. 01/25/06 \$950,000.00 Adjustable Rate Secured Note [**Exhibit 1**];
  - b. 01/25/06 Deed of Trust, Assignment of Leases and Rents & Security Agreement [Exhibit 2];
  - c. 02/22/08 Forbearance and Settlement Agreement [Exhibit 3];
  - d. 08/10/09 Forbearance and Settlement Agreement [Exhibit 4];

- e. Payment History since inception [Exhibit 5];
- 6. Prior to the Debtor's bankruptcy filing, the Debtor's loan was modified by a Forbearance and Settlement Agreement of August 12, 2009. The Debtor failed to pay the indebtedness in accordance with the Forbearance and Settlement Agreement. The Movant made demand on the Debtor to cure its payment default, but the Debtor failed to do so. The Movant provided notice to the Debtor of its intent to foreclose its lien on the Collateral. The loan was never reinstated and remains due in full. The Debtor filed bankruptcy and the Movant hereby seeks relief from the automatic stay for cause, including lack of adequate protection.

#### Cause

- 7. Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §362(d)(1), the automatic stay should be lifted for "cause" in regard to the Collateral. Although §362(d)(1) does not define "cause," courts have interpreted it as inherently broad and flexible, allowing the Court to provide equitable relief in certain situations. *In re Texas State Optical*, 188 B.R. 552, 556 (Bankr. E.D. Tex. 1995) ("Cause is an intentionally broad and flexible concept that permits the Bankruptcy Court, as a court of equity, to respond to inherently fact-sensitive situations."). Further, it is a well-established rule that the burden of proof regarding the lack of cause for relief from stay rests with the Debtor under 11 U.S.C. §362(g) ("the party requesting relief has the burden of proof on the issue of the debtor's equity in property ... and the party opposing such relief has the burden of proof on all other issues").
- 8. Many different issues support a finding of cause to lift the stay in this case. The Movant's interest in the Collateral is not adequately protected. The Movant is not receiving payments from the Debtor on the Debtor's obligations. The Movant has not received a payment from the Debtor since May 25, 2010. Under the Note terms, interest accrues on the debt under the Note at the default rate as referenced in the Note. The Collateral has insufficient value to adequately [K:\Wpmain\23907\101310\MRS.wpd]

protect the Movant. Lack of adequate protection constitutes additional cause to lift and terminate the automatic stay under §362(d)(2).

### **No Equity**

9. Additionally, the stay should be lifted with regard to the Collateral pursuant to \$362(d)(2) because the Debtor has no equity in the Collateral. The fair market value of the collateral according to the Movant's schedules is \$600,000.00. The Movant's appraiser has valued the Collateral at \$950,000.00. Regardless of which value is accurate, in light of the debt owed the Movant of \$1,073,273.92 secured by the Collateral, the Debtor has no equity in the Collateral. In addition, there is a federal tax lien against the Collateral in excess of \$20,000.00 further impairing any potential equity in the Collateral.

## **Not Necessary for Reorganization**

10. The Collateral is not necessary to an effective reorganization. The Debtor bears the burden of proof on this issue under 11 U.S.C. §362(g). To meet its burden, the Debtor must demonstrate by a preponderance of the evidence that there is a "[r]easonable possibility of a successful reorganization within a reasonable time. *United Sav. Ass'n of Tex. V. Timber of Inwood Forest Assocs*. 484 U.S. 365, 376 (1988).

#### **Basis for Lifting Stay**

- 11. Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §362(d)(1) and (2), the automatic stay should be terminated as to Movant for cause, for at least the following reasons:
  - (a) The Debtor is in default in its payments to the Movant on the indebtedness secured by the Collateral.
  - (b) The Debtor has no equity in the Collateral, and it is not necessary to an effective reorganization.

## **Requested Relief**

For the reasons set forth herein, Movant requests that the automatic stay be in all things terminated as to the Collateral, that Movant be allowed to exercise it rights in and to the Collateral pursuant to the terms of the Deed of Trust and Note and foreclose its lien on the Collateral, and that Movant have such other and further relief, legal and equitable to which it is justly entitled.

Respectfully submitted,

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## **Certificate of Conference**

Counsel for Movant emailed a copy of this Motion to Nelson Jones, Counsel for the Debtor, on December 2, 2010 inquiring whether the Debtor had any opposition to the Motion. The Debtor is opposed to the motion, and an agreement could not be reached.

/s/ MICHAEL J. SMITH

Movant's Counsel

## **Certificate of Service and Certificate of Compliance with BLR 4001**

A copy of this motion was served on the persons shown on Service List below at the addresses reflected thereon on December 15, 2010, by prepaid United States first class mail. Movant certifies that movant has complied with Bankruptcy Local Rule 4001.

/S/ MICHAEL J. SMITH
Movant's Counsel

## **SERVICE LIST**

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## (20) LARGEST UNSECURED CREDITORS SCHEDULED BY DEBTOR, PARTIES IN INTEREST AND THOSE REQUESTING NOTICE:

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